

In the Claims:

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1. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus for use by at least one game player to play games of chance on said apparatus, said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

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A. a first game housing portion, a first game of chance mounted in said first housing portion, a first game outcome display connected to said first game of chance, an award display connected
10 to said first game of chance, and a first game actuator connected to said first game of chance and being activatable for play by said game player to display on said first game outcome display at least one from among a first game range of first game chance outcomes and to display on said first game award display an award for said player upon the appearance of at least a predetermined first game award outcome on said first game outcome display; and

15 B. a second game housing portion, a second game of chance mounted in said second housing portion and connected to said first game of chance, a second game outcome display connected to said second game of chance, and a second game actuator connected to said second game of chance and being activatable for play upon the occurrence of at least a predetermined chance event in said first game of chance to display on said second game outcome display (i) at
20 least one from among a second game range of second game chance outcomes and (ii) an alteration of said first game outcome procured or to be procured in said first game of chance upon the occurrence of at least a predetermined first game alteration outcome in said second game of chance; and wherein said range of second game chance outcomes includes a first game playing outcome whereby said first game of chance may be played again, and wherein said

second game of chance is connected to said first game of chance so that said second game of chance is again activatable upon the occurrence of said or another predetermined event in said first game of chance; and wherein said range of second game chance outcomes includes a first game playing outcome whereby the first game of chance may be played again, and wherein said

5 second game of chance is connected to said first game of chance so that said second game of chance is again activatable upon the occurrence of said or another predetermined event in said first game of chance; and

C. a game outcome bank in communication with said first game of chance and second game of ~~change~~chance whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored and later transferred by

10 said game outcome linkage to said first game outcome display in said first game of chance apparatus.

2. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 1 wherein said second game also has a second game award display connected to said second game of chance which, upon play of
15 said second game, displays a second game award that can alter said award to said game player.

3. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 1 wherein said range of second game chance outcomes includes a chance-improving outcome whereby said game player's chance of procuring at least one future first game outcome and future award is improved.

20 4. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 3 wherein said second game also has a second game award display connected to said second game of chance which, upon play of said second game, displays a second game award that can alter said award to said game player.

5-8 (cancelled).

9. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus of use by at least one game player to play a game of chance on said apparatus, said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

5 A. first game of chance apparatus having a first game, a first game actuator connected to said first game, a first game outcome display connected to said first game, and a first game awarding mechanism whereby said game player is provided an award in the event that at least one predetermined award outcome appears in said first game outcome display;

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10 B. a second game of chance apparatus having a second game and a second game outcome display connected to said second game, said second game of chance apparatus being mounted proximate to said first game of chance apparatus whereby said game player can observe from one location both said first game of chance and said second game of chance;

C. a second game actuator interconnecting said first and second games of chance whereby said second game of chance can be activated to play said second game upon the appearance of at least one predetermined second game outcome in said first game outcome display; and

15 D. a game outcome linkage interconnecting said first and second games of chance to change said or another game outcome in said first game outcome display upon the appearance of at least one predetermined changing outcome in said second game outcome display; and wherein at least one predetermined changing outcome allows said first game of chance apparatus to be played again, and said second game actuator is adapted to again actuate said second game of chance apparatus upon the occurrence of said one or another predetermined first game outcome in said first game of chance apparatus; and

20 E. a game outcome bank in communication with said first game of chance apparatus and second game of ~~chance~~change apparatus whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored and

later transferred by said game outcome linkage to said first game outcome display in said first game of chance apparatus.

10. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 9 wherein said second game of chance apparatus also includes a second game awarding mechanism connected to said second game whereby said game player is provided an additional award in the event that at least one predetermined second award outcome appears in said second game outcome display.

11. (cancelled).

12. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 10 including a game outcome bank connected to said second game of chance apparatus whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored and later transferred by said first game outcome linkage to said first game outcome display in said first game of chance.

13. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein said game outcome bank is mounted in said second game of chance apparatus.

14. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein said second game outcome can alter the likelihood of procuring said or another outcome and award in said first game.

15-18 (cancelled).

19. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to said second game of apparatus.

20. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein said first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to said second game of apparatus.

21. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 14 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

22. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 10 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

23. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

24. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 13 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

25. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 19 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

26. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 21 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

27. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 22 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

28. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 23 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

29. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 24 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

30. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 25 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

31. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 24 wherein the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus comprises said spinning reel game.

32. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 20 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of said other of said first or second game of chance apparatus.

33. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 22 wherein said one of said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus.

34. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 24 wherein said one of said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus.

5 35. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 27 wherein said one of said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus.

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36. (previously amended) The gaming apparatus of claim 29 wherein said one of said first or
10 second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of said first or second game of chance apparatus.

37. (previously amended) A multi-game apparatus of use by at least one game player to play multiple games on said apparatus, said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

A. a first game apparatus activatable for play to procure a first game outcome from among a plurality of possible first game outcomes;

B. a concentric wheel game apparatus mounted proximate to said first game-of-chance apparatus, said concentric wheel game apparatus including an outer wheel rotatable to yield a first wheel outcome and an inner wheel rotatable to yield a second wheel outcome

C. a wheel game activator interconnecting said first game apparatus and concentric wheel game apparatus and being adapted to: (i) activate said concentric wheel game for play upon the occurrence of at least one predetermined first game outcome in said first game, and (ii) re-activate said first for play upon the occurrence of at least one among a plurality of possible first wheel outcomes or second wheel outcomes;

D. a first game outcome linkage being adapted to change said outcome in said first game upon the occurrence of at least said one or another among a plurality of possible first wheel outcomes or second wheel outcomes in said concentric wheel game apparatus; and

E. a bank in communication with said first game apparatus and concentric wheel game apparatus whereby said concentric wheel game provides storage of a possible first game outcome for possible use in procuring a first game outcome in the first game apparatus.

38. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which said first game and said concentric wheel game are games of chance, and at least one among said first game outcome, first wheel outcome, and second wheel outcome includes an award to said game player.

39. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which said concentric wheel game is adapted to spin said outer wheel and interior wheel sequentially.

40. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 38 in which said concentric wheel game is adapted to spin said outer wheel and interior wheel sequentially.

41-44 (cancelled).

45. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and said plurality of first game outcomes include at least one possible award to said game player.

46. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 38 in which said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to said game player.

47. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 39 in which said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to said game player.

48. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 40 in which said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to said game player.

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49. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to said game player.

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50. (currently amended) A multi-game of chance apparatus of the type providing a chance award to a game player when said game player plays said multi-game of chance apparatus, said apparatus comprising in combination:

- 5 A. a first game of chance controller;
- B. a first game of chance outcome display connected to said first game of chance controller;
- C. a game of chance award display connected to said first game of chance controller and providing an award to said player in the event at least one predetermined outcome appears in said first game of chance outcome display;
- 10 D. a second game of chance controller;
- E. a second game of chance outcome display connected to said first game of chance controller and including second game outcome indicia indicating a second game award opportunity for the player to replay the first game of chance;
- F. an outcome changing linkage connected to second game of chance controller whereby
- 15 said first or another game of chance outcome display changes in the event of at least one predetermined change outcome appears in said second game of chance outcome display;
- G. an outcome reserve bank connected to said second game of chance controller whereby outcomes from said first or second game of chance outcome display may be stored for later plays of said ~~first~~first or second game of chance.

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51. (cancelled).

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52. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 50 also having a second game of chance award display connected to said second game of chance whereby the total award provided to said game player can increase based on a second game of chance award provided by said second game of chance.

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53. (cancelled).

54. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 50 said first and second game of chance controllers, said first and second outcome displays, said award display, and said outcome linkage are mounted in an integral game frame.

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55. (cancelled).

56. (previously amended) The multi-game apparatus of claim 52 said first and second game of chance controllers, said first and second outcome displays, said award display, and said outcome linkage are mounted in an integral game frame.

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57-64. (canceled).

65. (previously amended) A method of playing games of chance, comprising:

A. actuating a base game of chance to procure a first base game outcome and, upon the appearance of a predetermined base game outcome in said base game of chance, a first bonus
5 opportunity to play a bonus game of chance;

B. actuating said bonus game of chance to procure a bonus game outcome and, upon the appearance of a predetermined bonus game outcome in said bonus game of chance, a second
N bonus opportunity to again play said base game of chance, said predetermined bonus game
W outcome at least intermittently including a bank portion transferred to a game bank for alteration
10 of said or another base game outcome in said base game of chance; and

C. in the event of said second bonus opportunity, again actuating said base game of chance to procure a second base game outcome.

66. (previously amended) The game playing method of claim 65 wherein, in the bonus game
15 actuating step (B), said predetermined bonus game outcome alters said base game outcome in said base game of chance.

67-69 (canceled).

20 70. (previously amended) The game playing method of claim 66 wherein, in the actuating step (C), said second base game outcome can include a repeat bonus opportunity to play said base or bonus game of chance upon the appearance of said first or another predetermined base game outcome in said base game of chance.

71-73 (cancelled).

74. (previously amended) The game playing method of claim 65 wherein said bonus game of chance includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to

5 a stop.

75. (cancelled).

76. (previously amended) The game playing method of claim 66 wherein said bonus game of chance includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to

10 a stop.

77. (previously amended) The game playing method of claim 70 wherein said bonus game of chance includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to

15 a stop.

78-79 (cancelled).

80. (new) A gaming apparatus comprising:

(A) a first game housing comprising a first game of chance mounted in the first housing, the first game of chance comprising:

(a) a first game outcome display associated with the first game of chance;

(b) a prize display in communication with the first game of chance; and

(c) a first game controller configured to produce a randomly determined game outcome, cause the outcome to be displayed on the first game outcome display, and, if the outcome is a winning outcome, award a prize to a player;

(B) a second game housing comprising a second game of chance mounted in the second housing and in communication with the first game controller, the second game of chance comprising:

(a) a second game outcome display associated with the second game of chance;

(b) wherein the second game outcome display is in communication with a game controller, the game controller configured to:

(i) activate the second game of chance upon the occurrence of at least one predetermined game outcome determined by the first game controller;

(ii) produce a second game outcome;

(iii) cause the second game outcome display to display the second game outcome, the second game outcome comprising:

(1) automatically altering a portion of the first game outcome;

(2) replaying the first game of chance;

(3) awarding a symbol; and

(4) awarding a prize;

(C) a game outcome bank in communication with the first game of chance and second game of chance whereby at least one symbol awarded according to a second game outcome may be stored by a game controller and later transferred to the first game outcome display and used to alter a first game outcome.

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81. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 80 wherein the first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to said second game of chance apparatus.

82. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 80 wherein the first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to the first game of chance apparatus.

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83. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 80 wherein one of said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

84. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 80 wherein one of the first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

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